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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR AFFORESTATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the forestry projects and the names of the international agencies funding these projects in the country, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) the details of funds received from these agencies, agency-wise, during the last three years and the current year, agency-wise and year-wise;

(c) the manner in which such funds have been utilized and proposed to be utilized in future; and

(d) the increase in forest area as a result thereof in the country

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) Afforestation projects with external assistance are under implementation in ten states, namely Gujarat, Harayana, Homachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh with the help of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and in Andhra Pradesh with help of the World Bank.

(b) These projects are being reimbursed their actual expenditure as per the loan agreement. The details are at Annexure.

(c) These funds have been utilized in future also for rehabilitation of forest land, to improve the quality of life of the villagers adjoining forests, ensure people's participation,strengthening joint forest management institutions, to augment availability of fuel wood and fodder, promote farm forestry, agro forestry, water and soil conservation measures, encourage tree growing on private land and greening of the urban areas in accordance to the objectives envisaged in various projects under implementation.

(d) These projects are presently under implementation at various stages and increase in forest area will be known only after the completion of the project.